

position in negotiations in SALT. After three and a half hours of public testimony, the committee adjourned for the day, came back into session and this resolution received five votes from the committee. Were you to compare it to the two original resolutions, you would find this to be somewhat of an amalgamation. It does frankly constitute a freeze resolution but it adds some of the admonitions which Senator Fenger brought to the Government Committee. Four of the "Whereases" of LR 49 were deleted, two of them because they were in essence duplicated in LR 50 and we wanted to use the language in LR 50 and two of them because some of the information that was provided originally was not clearly shown or evinced in the testimony that we heard. But if there is anything that was taken from LR 50, it was a recognition that the freeze is the product of diplomatic negotiations voluntarily entered into by two parties, that both parties must want to be there, they both must want to achieve the freeze. For that reason, the committee also added in the resolution section part of the language that was initially brought to the committee by Senator Fenger which indicated that the Legislature goes on record encouraging the people of the Soviet Union to petition their government in favor of these same terms, the idea being that it was not our wish to force the United States into an unacceptable, a vulnerable bargaining position, but that if anything, the bargaining positions or the bargaining goals of both nations must be the same thing which is to give cognizance and credence to the wishes of their people and those wishes to include an end to the madness of the arms race. That is what is in LR 57. Essentially it is a bilateral, immediate and verifiable freeze, the product of diplomatic negotiations, and with the additional admonition that perhaps the Soviet people can join us in supporting this as a goal for our nation. It is not a condition for the freeze. It is not a condition for carrying forward this public debate. It is only an encouragement that the other major nuclear power and the people of that nation make explicit if they can, if they wish, that this too is their goal, that we are not alone in the world asking for an end to the arms race and the beginning of an era in which peace and security are the principal desires of our foreign policies. That is what is in LR 57 and that is how it came to the floor of the Legislature.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator VonMinden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I will not be quoting a bunch of the experts. I think just a little good common sense. Perhaps two years ago when